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Government has recently changed our mass notification system (Reverse 911) to CodeRED and needs the citizens to take action now in order to protect their families.

This new system allows the Department of Public Safety and the Sheriff's Office to define specific areas of the County in order to immediately notify residents about an emergency in their area. Events such as hazardous materials spills, wildfires, recent crime sprees, and/or notification about fugitives from justice are just a few examples of when the system would be used. The system also provides weather warning notification from the National Weather Service, if desired (The user must select this option).

In case of an emergency, contact information is critical. Moore County and CodeRED needs citizens to sign into the system (Opt-In), and enter cell phone, text number, and e-mail address.

By default, the system uses the 911 system database of phone numbers which are only landline phone numbers. Many citizens now use cell phones as their only phone. This contact database is for "Emergency Use" only and Moore County will never share contact information with other groups for any other purpose.

"Citizens need to get involved in disaster preparation activities and register for this very vital and potentially life saving service" says Scot Brooks, Moore County's Emergency Manager.

Consider the recent tornados in the Midwest for just a moment; How would you have been notified that a tornado warning had been issued for your immediate area if you were not listening to the radio or watching television? The CodeRED system has the ability to call and/or text your cell phone to notify you to take emergency actions.

For citizens interested in getting emergency and weather information, go to the Moore County Government website (www.moorecountync.gov), navigate to the Public Safety page, click on the CodeRED icon near the bottom of the home page, and complete the registration information. There is no charge to sign up with CodeRED.

You may also go directly to registration by
[clicking here](#)

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Be sure to save your user name and password so that updates can be provided when necessary. If there are questions or problems, contact Moore County Public Safety at 910-947-6317. DSB

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